अहमदाबाद के नए मानसिक अस्पताल कम्पलेक्स में फर्नीचर वाटर-कूलर और टेलीफोन की सुविधाओं से लैस परिसर आवंटित किया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस परिसर का एक वर्ष से भी अधिक समय तक महालेखाकार के कार्यालय द्वारा इस्तेमाल नहीं किया गया और यह कार्यालय गैर-सरकारी परिसर में किराए पर चलता रहा; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) जी हां । लेकिन राज्य सरकार द्वारा फर्नीचर वाटर-कूलर और टेलीफोन की सुविधाएं नहीं प्रदान की गई थीं ।

(ख) जी, नहीं । यह भवन 23 फरवरी 1984 को लिया गया था । और इसे उस अतिरिक्त काम के लिए तैनात किये जाने वाले अधिकारियों के लिए स्थान की व्यवस्था किये जाने के लिए इस्तेमाल किया जाना था जो 1 मार्च, 1984 से भारतीय लेखा परीक्षा और लेखा विभाग में पुनर्संरचना स्कीम के कार्यान्वयन के परिणामस्वरूप तथा पुनर्संरचना के कारण कुछ अन्य कार्यों की व्यवस्था करने के लिए महालेखाकार गुजरात राजकोट के कार्यालय से स्थानान्तरित किया गया था । राजकोट कर्मचारी संघ द्वारा सिविल मुकदमा दर्ज किये जाने के कारण राजकोट से अहमदाबाद का कार्यों तथा रिकार्डों का स्थानान्तरण रहा । इसलिए 29 अगस्त 1984 तक भवन का कब्जा नहीं लिया जा सका । यह कानूनी बाधा 28 अगस्त, 1984 को समाप्त हुई जिसके पश्चात् भवन का कब्जा अगस्त अगले दिन अर्थात् 29 अगस्त, 1984 को लिया गया । चूंकि कार्य के किसी भाग तथा उसमें उक्त भवन में रखे गए रिकार्ड को न्यू मैन्टल हास्पिटल कौम्पलैक्स में स्थानान्तरित नहीं किया जाना था इसलिए अहमदाबाद में गैर-सरकारी आधार पर किराये पर लिये गये परिसर पर कब्जा जारी रखना था ।

(ग) उपर्युक्त (क) और (ख) को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Peerless General and Investment Company

1889. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the employees' union of the Peeress General and Investment Company to nationalise that company; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of the provisions of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, the Peerless General Finance and Investment Co. Ltd. was served with a notice on August 10, 1979 by the Government of West Bengal who are entrusted with the implementation of the provisions of the Banning Act, to wind up its business. The company filed a writ petition in the High Court of Calcutta on September 3, 1979 challenging the applicability of the Act to its business and obtained stay. Union Government and Reserve Bank of India and the Government of West Bengal are the Respondents in the Writ Petition. The matter is still pending in the Court.

Letters from MPs, pending before Central Board of Direct Taxes

1890. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from Members of Parliament which are still pending before the Central Board of Direct Taxes;

(b) How many such letters are pending for more than 3 months, how many are pending for more than 6 months but less

than one year and how many such letters are pending for more than one year; and

(c) by when, these letters are expected to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) There were 111 letters received from MPs./VIPs. which were pending for disposal in the Central Board of Direct Taxes as on 15-7-1985. Out of them, 4 letters remained pending for more than one year, 2 letters for more than six months but less than one year and 6 letters for more than three months. In view of the complexities involved in each such cause, it is difficult to lay any largest date for their disposal. However, high priority is attached to the disposal of such letters.

Delay in Clearance at Calcutta Customs (Airport)

1891. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been considerable delays in the clearance of electronic items from Calcutta Customs (Airport);

(b) whether it is a fact that the goods detailed under DR. No. 6373 on November 24, 1984 are still not cleared;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the customs authorities at Calcutta airport have been detaining goods without any reason?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. One Television and one Electronic Typewriter imported by a passenger as his baggage were detained under DR. No. 6373/84 dated 24-11-84 as the passenger was not in a position to pay duty. The typewriter was subsequently cleared by him on payment of duty. As the television set was lying uncleared without payment of duty, it was disposed of as provided under the law after giving due notice to the passenger. However, the sale proceeds have since been made over to the passenger.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Exemption from Ban for Filling up Resultant Vacancies

1892. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'ban' is not applicable for filling up the resultant vacancies of operative nature, connected with the productive work in various Government industrial units like Government of India Presses, Government Vehicle Depots and other similar units, etc.;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has issued necessary instructions in this regard to their concerned Ministries/Departments; and

(c) what action is being contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The instructions issued in January, 1984 advising the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, not to fill up existing vacancies (operational or non-operational), except where recruitment action had already been taken, were part of package of anti-inflationary measures. Exemptions have, however, been allowed in a few selective cases like appointment of dependants of deceased employees on compassionate grounds and handicapped persons, redeployment of personal surplus to one organisation in another, regularisation of casual labourers against Group 'D' vacancies filling up of vacancies purely by promotion etc. Proposals for filling up of other types of vacancies are, however, considered on the merits of each case taking into account the operational efficiences of the organisation. There is no proposal at present to change the existing instruction.